

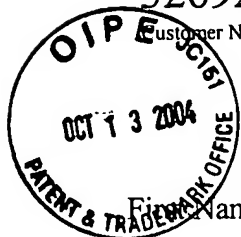
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Further, for purposes of examining the present application, Applicants hereby inform the Examiner that the cladding operations performed by BWE Ltd. of 3M's request as described in the working examples was done more than one year prior to the filing of this patent application.

These cladding operations were requested by 3M under the enclosed Purchase Orders (dates redacted) pursuant to the attached "General Supplier and Patent Agreement" dated May 6, 1997.

3M paid BWE \$30,000 for the cladding operations of Example 1, and \$25,000 for the cladding operations of Example 2.

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